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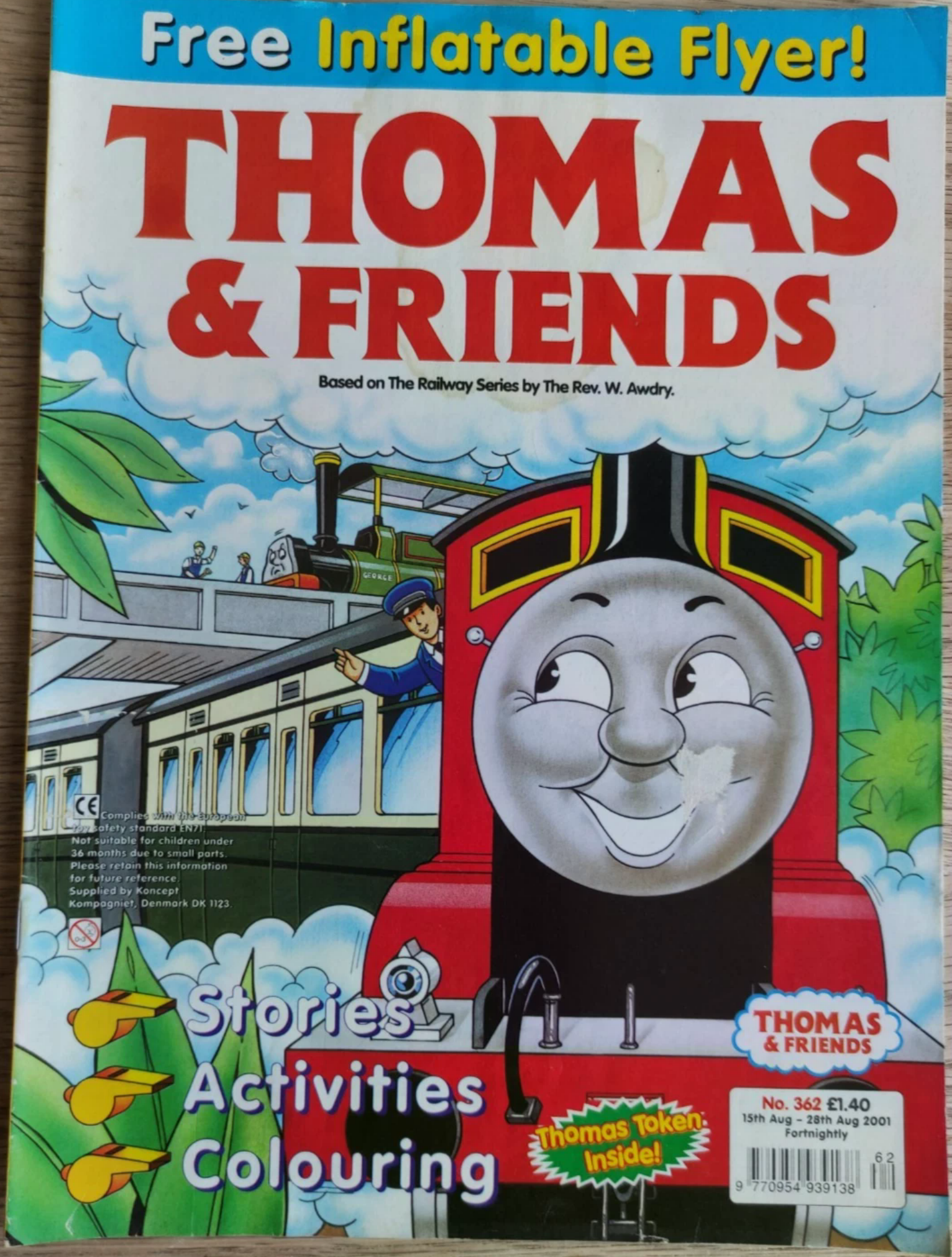

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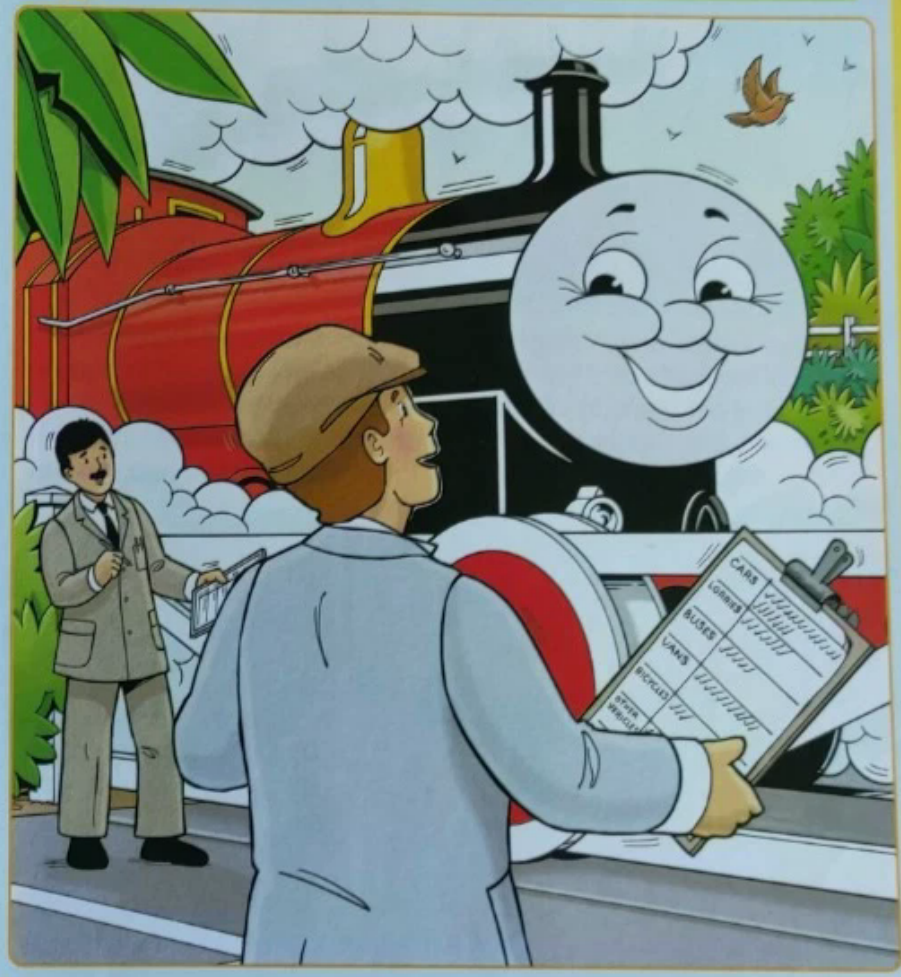
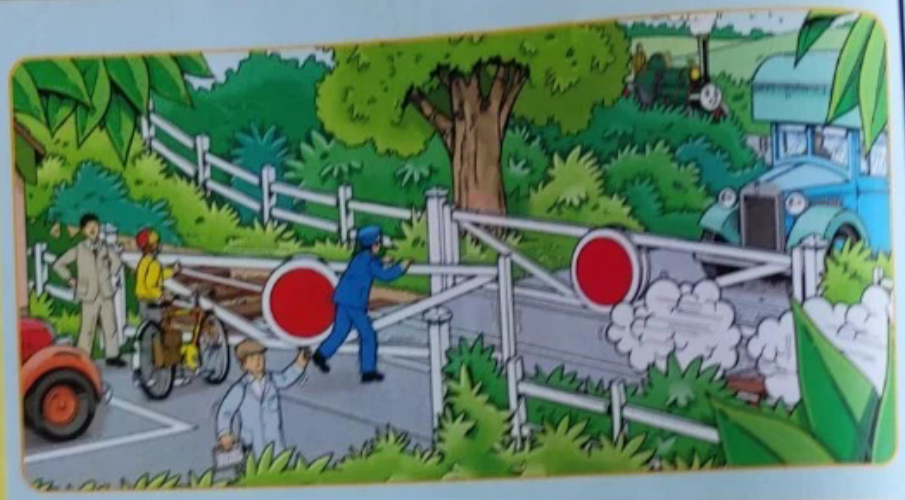


1. One day, James slowed down at the level-crossing just outside Tidmouth. He saw two people with clipboards. "Are you two checking up on me?" he puffed.

2. "No!" smiled one of the men. "We're counting road traffic. I'm counting the traffic going this way and my friend is counting the traffic going the other way."



3. "I can think of better things to do than count silly cars!" whistled James. "It's not only cars, it's vans, lorries and look, here's an old traction engine!" the man replied.

4. "You're not counting slow-coaches too, are you?" huffed James. "We're counting everything..." replied the man but James didn't wait to hear.

5. Trevor reached the crossing. "What are you doing?" he asked the men. "We're seeing if this road's busy enough for a flyover," came the reply.

6. "A flyover?" said Trevor. "Yes, if it's built, the traffic will fly over the railway and not be held up by this crossing!" "I can't wait," grinned Trevor. "I've never flown before!"

7. Later that afternoon, James stopped at a signal close to Trevor. "Have you heard about the flyover?" called Trevor, "You won't be holding me up anymore!"

8. "Flyover my funnel! You're the only one who does the holding up around here!" bristled James. Trevor chuckled, "I'll soon be flying over you as if you're not there!"

9. The men at the level-crossing finished their traffic count. "So many cars and lorries, we need a flyover here, that's for sure!" they said. And so the work began.

10. The level-crossing was closed for a long time. When the flyover was nearly done, George rolled the surface. "We don't need roads up there!" peeped James.

11. The next day, The Fat Controller opened the new flyover. "From today, there'll be no traffic queues and my engines won't have to slow down anymore!" he said.

12. Just then, James approached. "I've just explained," said The Fat Controller, "there's no need to slow down here anymore, James, there's a flyover now!"

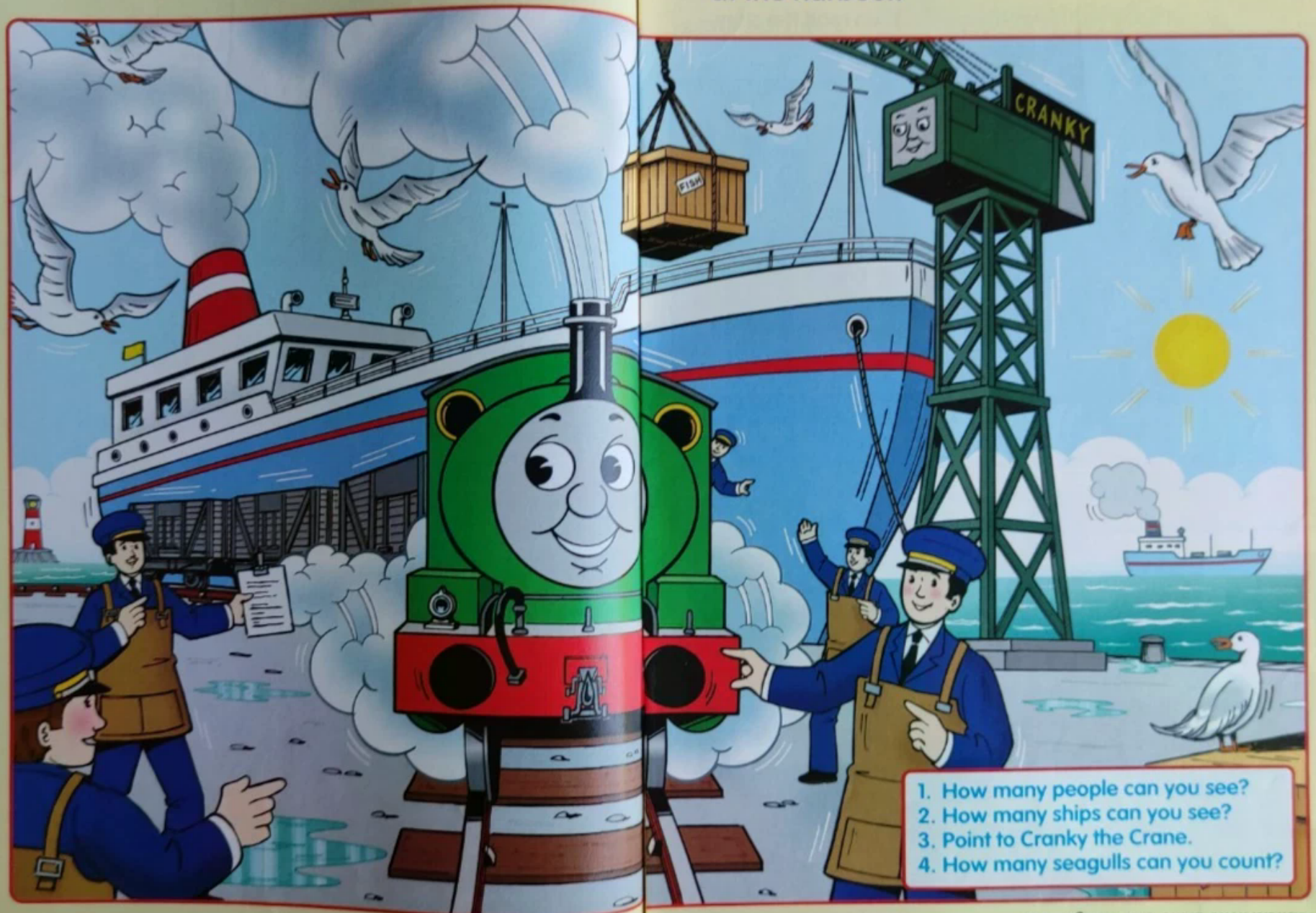
13. "No one told me!" whistled James. The Fat Controller smiled, "And Trevor's the first to try it out!" Trevor rumbled up the slope with a huge grin, "Told you so, James!"

14. James tried to change the subject, "There's a queue behind you as usual, Trevor!" Trevor chuckled, "You know why, they've come to see me FLY OVER you!"

The End

Look and See!

Percy is collecting a delivery of fish from a ship at the harbour.



1. How many people can you see?
2. How many ships can you see?
3. Point to Cranky the Crane.
4. How many seagulls can you count?

Answers: 1. Five 2. Two 3. On the right 4. Six

Playful Pony

rebus story

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

horseshoes

horsebox

pony

field

fence

hay

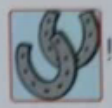
Percy

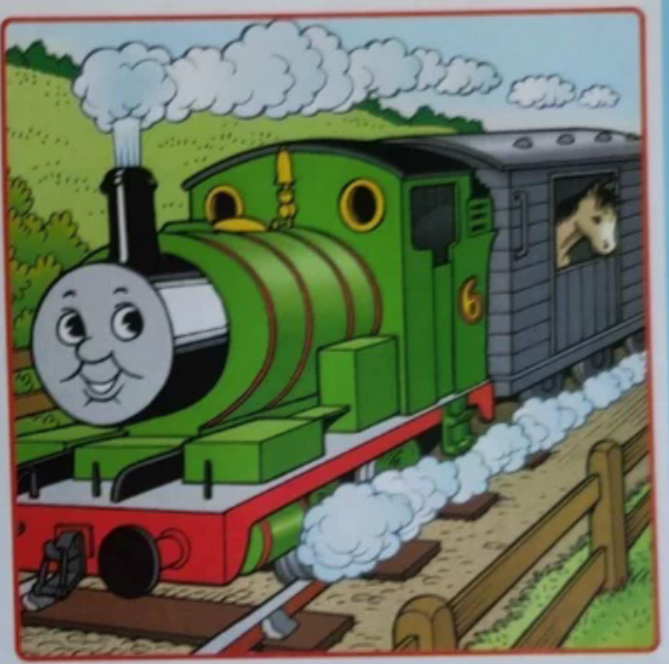
hammer

nail

reins

was delivering bales of to a stable. He saw a girl riding a in a . "There's Sophie on Playful!" puffed They jumped a low around the and came to say hello. Sophie gave Playful some in a bag. Then a man arrived. "The farmer's come to give Playful some new shoes," said Sophie. was puzzled. "I don't mean ordinary shoes but metal

 !" Sophie explained. The farmer used a and 's to fit them. Playful did not mind and went on chewing .



Next day, Percy returned with more supplies. Sophie had put some on Playful to lead him into a . But the pony wouldn't go in. He trotted over to see instead. "We'll be late for the horse show," said Sophie. had an idea. "I'm going that way!" he called. In no time at all Playful was inside Percy's truck with straw laid on the floor. Afterwards, Sophie gave Percy some old . His driver used a anda to hang them by the shed. "They're meant to be lucky!" he said. "But I'm already a lucky engine!" smiled Percy.

The End

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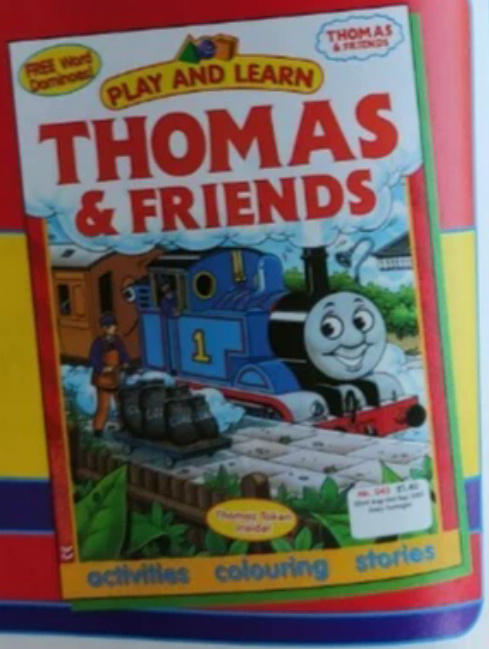

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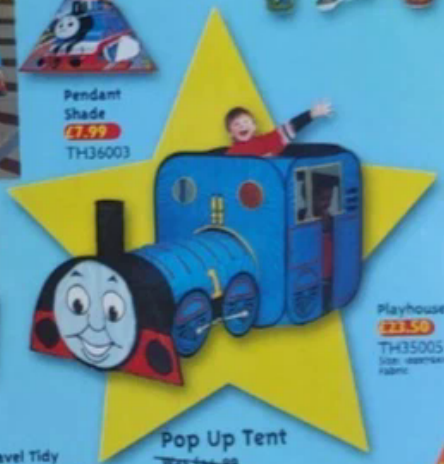

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He sees Gordon coming the other way.

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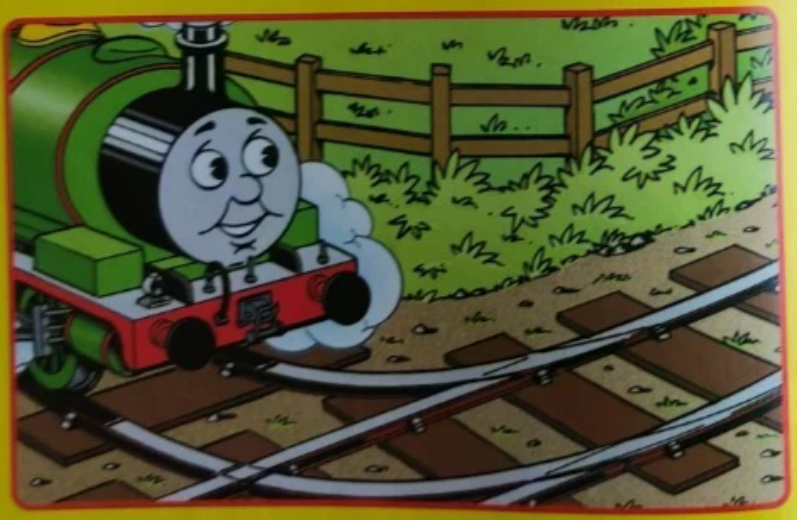

Percy reverses into a siding.

The right order is ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

This story is all mixed-up! Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in.

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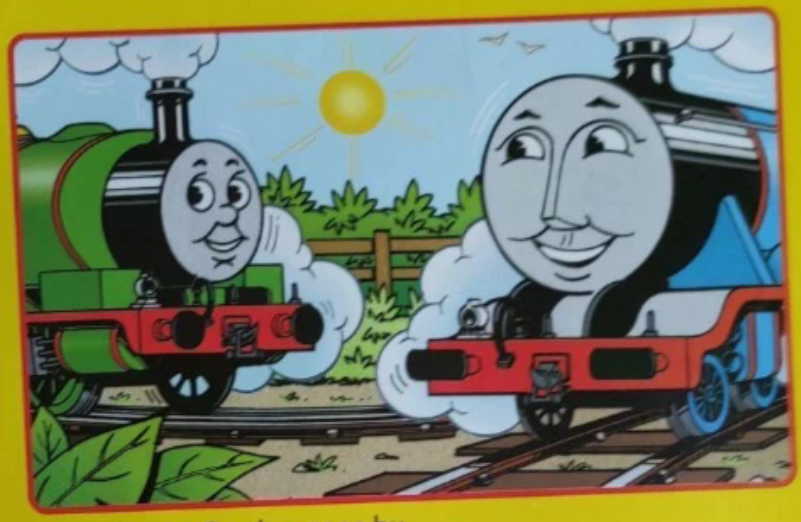

He smiles as Gordon goes by.

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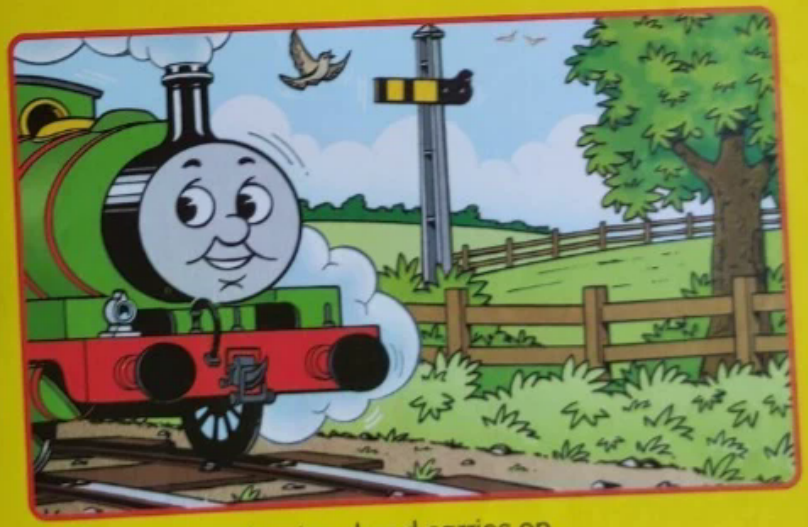

Percy has missed a signal and carries on.

Can you spot Percy in one of the pictures?

answer: 4, 1, 3, 2

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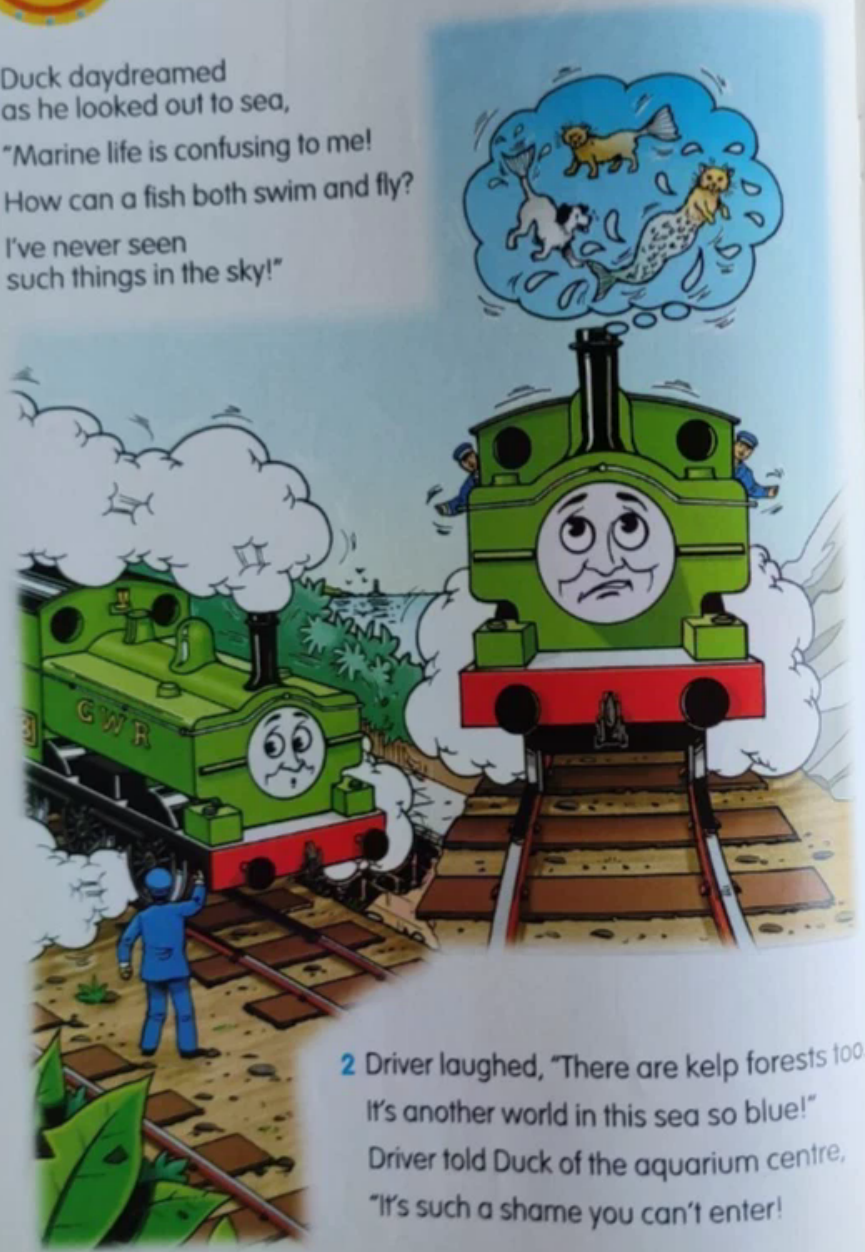
Thomas' rhyme time

Duck and Diving

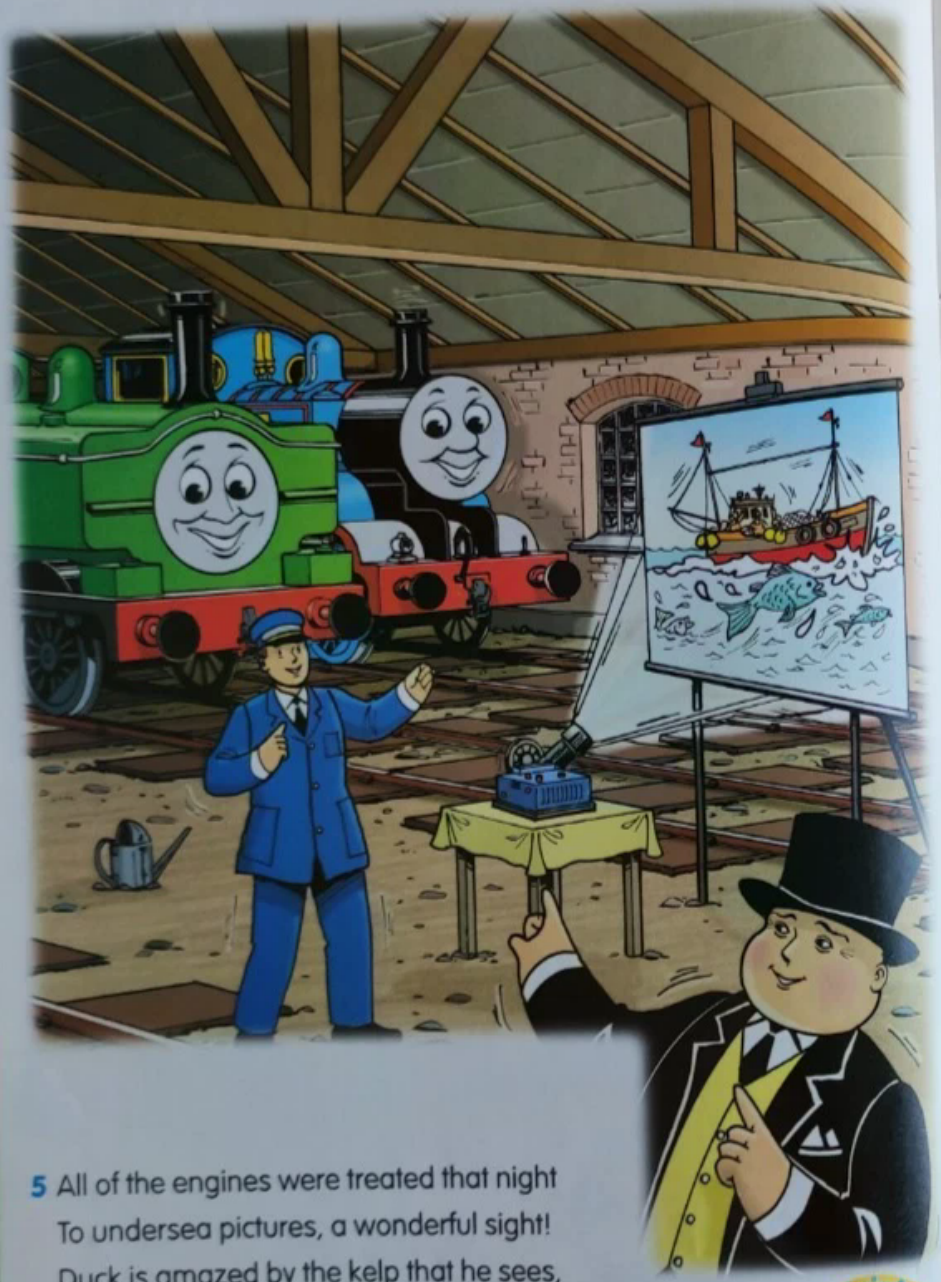
1 Duck daydreamed
as he looked out to sea,
"Marine life is confusing to me!
How can a fish both swim and fly?
I've never seen
such things in the sky!"



2 Driver laughed, "There are kelp forests too.
It's another world in this sea so blue!"
Driver told Duck of the aquarium centre,
"It's such a shame you can't enter!

3 "There's a petting pool,
where you tickle a ray,
It's a type of fish who comes up to play.
Catfish and dogfish are also on view."
Duck frowned, "Cats in water?
Now, that is new!"

4 Driver chuckled and thoughtfully said,
"I'll bring some pictures
along to your shed.
We'll need a projector
and sheet for a screen,
These undersea wonders
need to be seen!"



5 All of the engines were treated that night
To undersea pictures, a wonderful sight!
Duck is amazed by the kelp that he sees,
"Why, it's just like green ribbons, its nothing like trees!"
At the end Duck is asked if he likes it by Driver,
"Oh, I love it," says Duck, "I wish I was a diver".

the end

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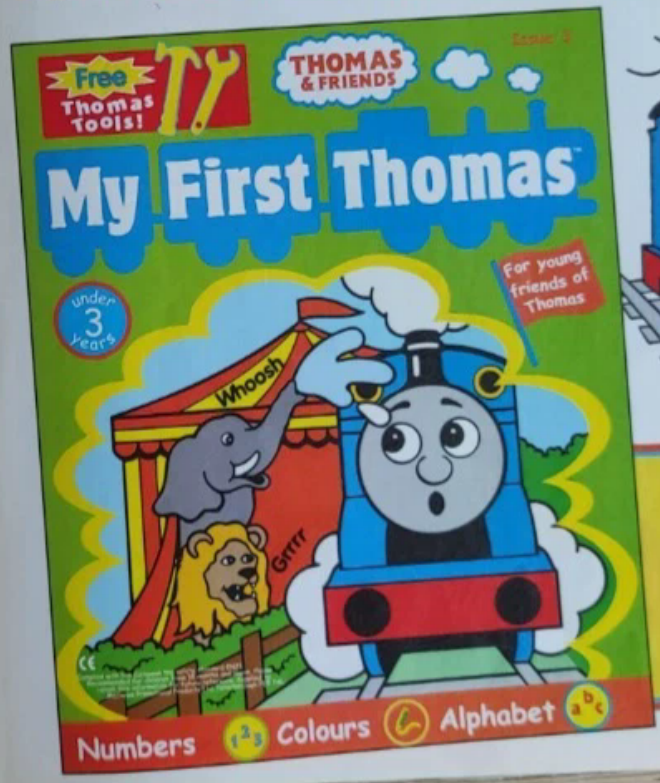

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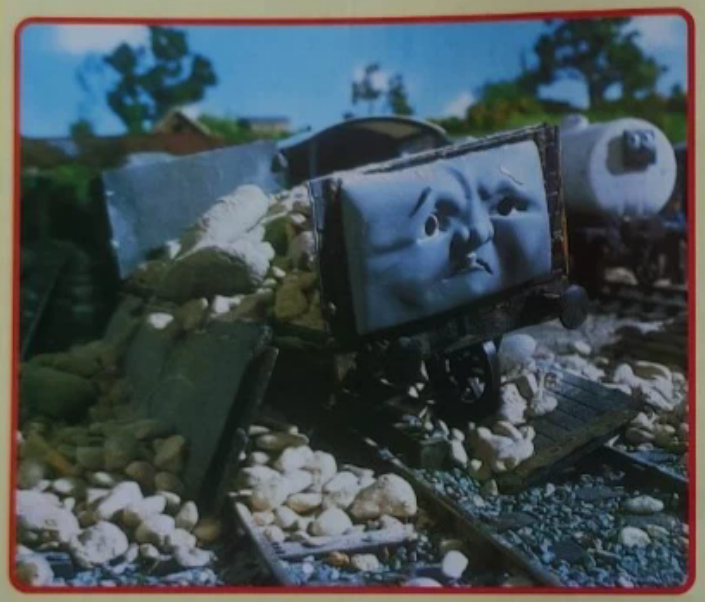
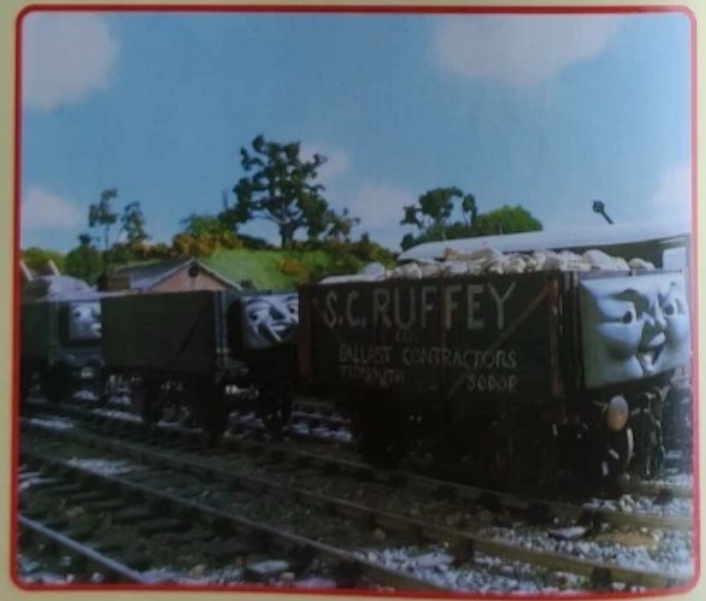
A day in the life of S.C.Ruffey



Oh, dear! It's not a good start to grumpy S.C.Ruffey's day. He's spilt his load and it's put him in a really bad mood!

As the leader of a gang of trucks, S.C.Ruffey is always trying to teach the younger trucks naughty tricks to play on the engines.



S.C.Ruffey is a goods wagon, which means he is always carrying and shunting loads of clay, stone and coal all over the Island of Sodor.

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percy's bedtime story

Showtime!

1. A circus had arrived to begin a tour of the Island. All the engines had heard about it and were very excited. The circus big top soon towered above a common.

2. Daisy was the first to see it. "Wait till I tell everyone," she said, stopping at a signal by the huge, striped tent. All sorts of performers were going in and out.

3. "Hello!" Daisy's driver called to some clowns who were waving. "Pheep! Pheeep!" whistled Daisy, eagerly. "I wonder who else will be in the show?" she asked.

4. "Jugglers, trapeze artists and tightrope walkers, I expect," said her driver. Then three people in bright costumes appeared. "Who are they?" said Daisy.

5. She watched the two men lock arms together. The girl with them sprang lightly onto their shoulders and balanced upside-down. Daisy stared in amazement.

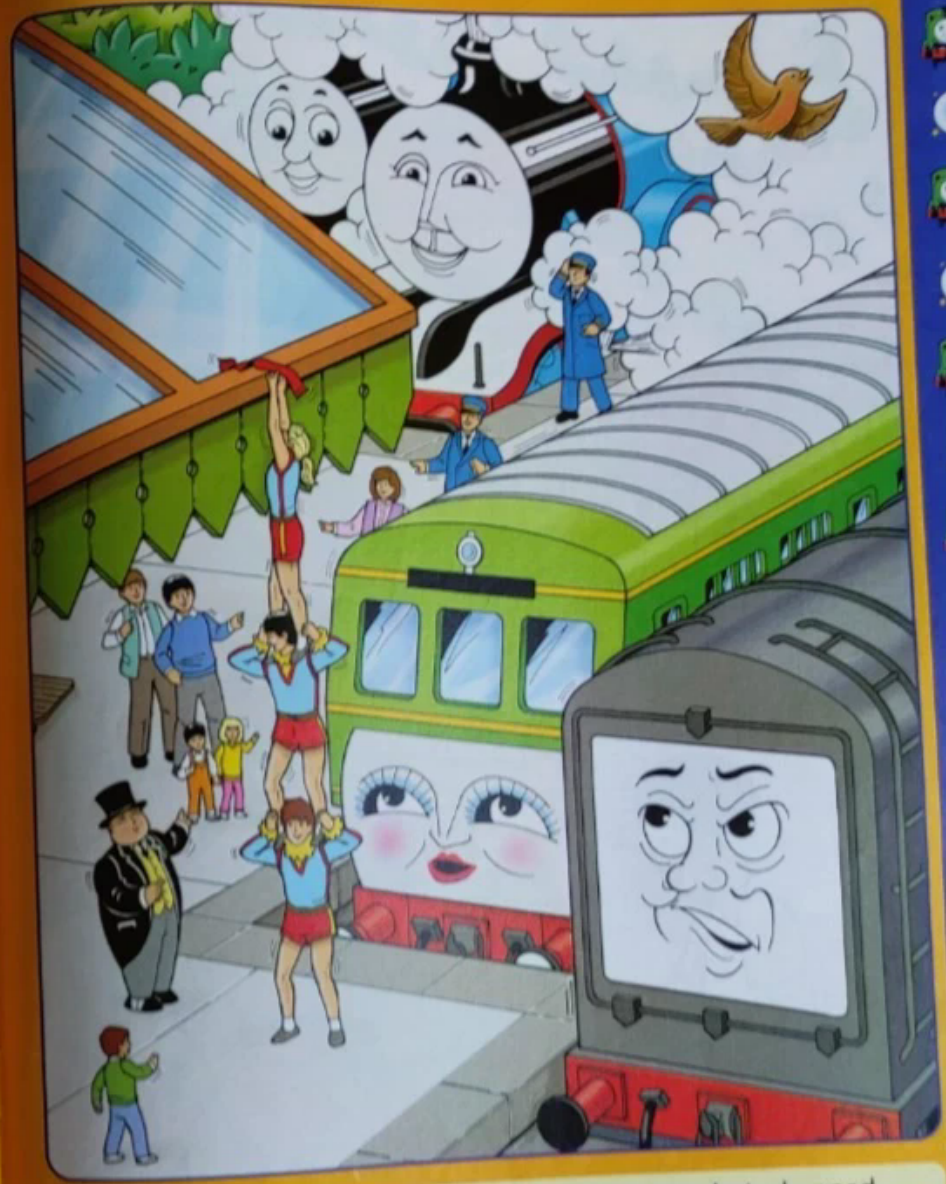
6. "They're acrobats practicing for the show," gasped her driver. The girl jumped down and all three acrobats finished with a flying somersault, to land side by side.

7. Daisy had never seen anything like it. The signal changed and she raced off to the Main Station. Later, in the engine shed, the others heard what had happened.

8. "Pah! People who balance on top of each other and tumble through the air! Nonsense!" hissed Diesel. "I believe you, Daisy," said Thomas. "I wish I'd been there!"

9. All the engines were still talking about it, next day, as Bertie the Bus arrived with three passengers. "Look! The acrobats!" cried Daisy.

10. They had come to give The Fat Controller some circus posters for the stations. Suddenly, a burst of steam from Gordon blew his guard's scarf up into the air.



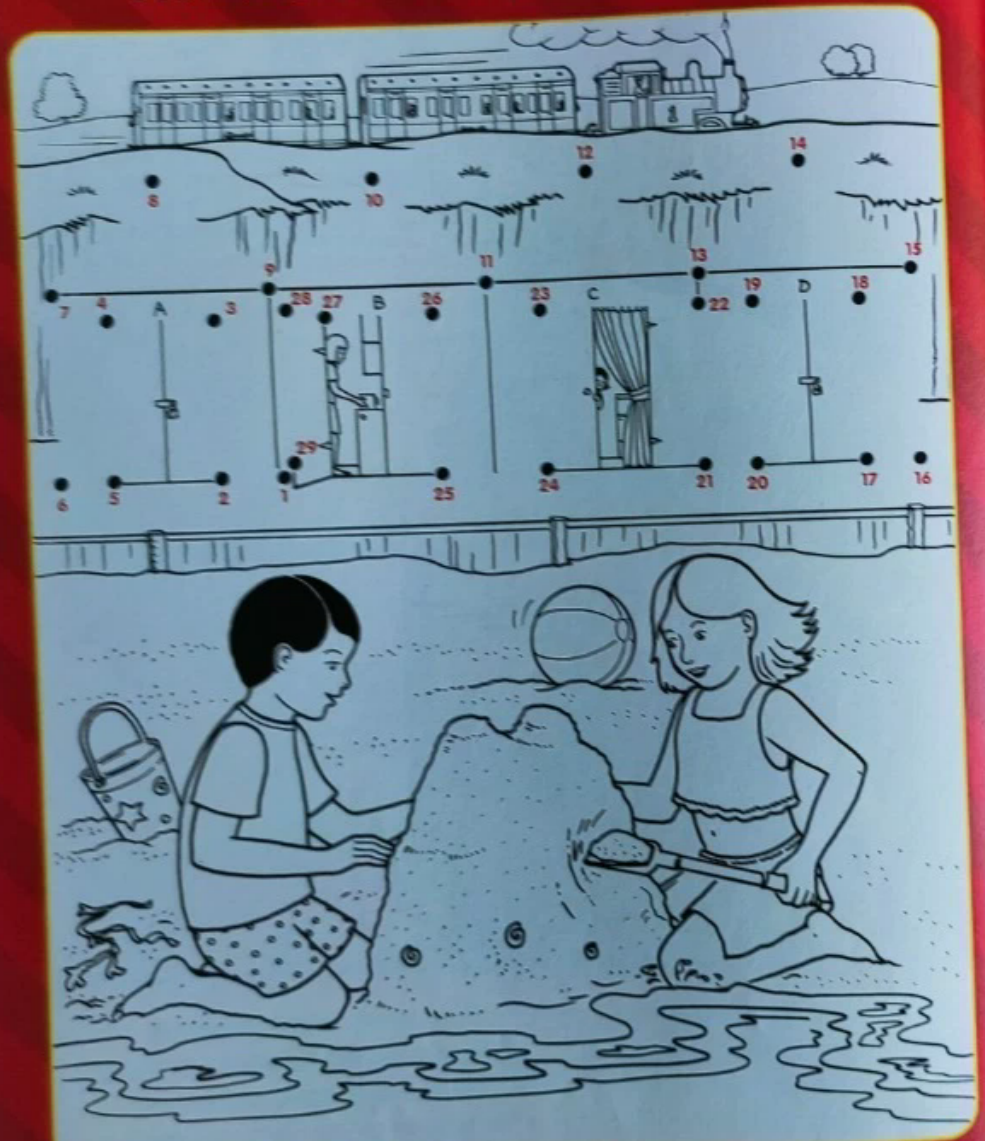
11. It landed on the station roof. "I'll fetch some ladders," said the guard. But the acrobats carefully stood on each other's shoulders so the girl could rescue the scarf.

12. Then the acrobats dropped down and rolled forwards to return it. "What a show and just for us!" cried the engines. "Now do you believe me, Diesel?" teased Daisy.

The End

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to complete this picture.



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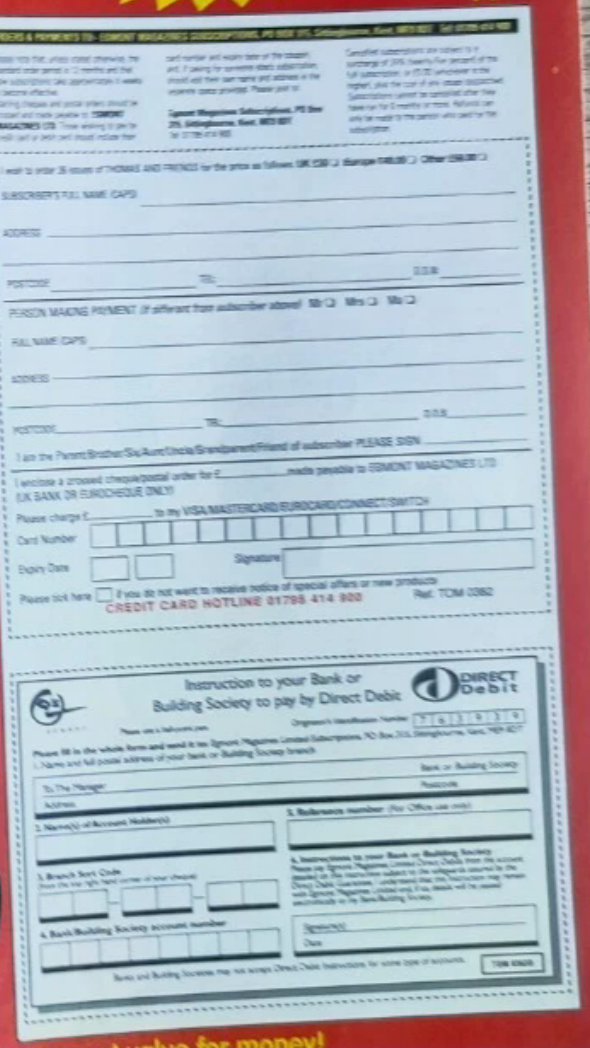

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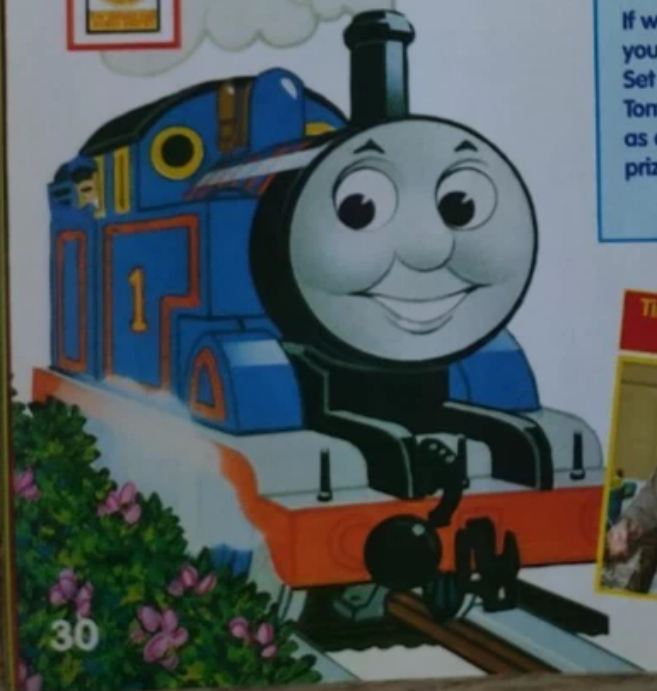

Timothy Bramall, aged 2.

Dominic Oatley, aged 3.

Sleepers and Ballast! It's Henry, by Christopher Ying-Hua, aged 5.

Thomas on his branch line, by Kieran Phillips, aged 5.

"Poop! Poop!" steams Gordon, by Jack Saunders, aged 6.

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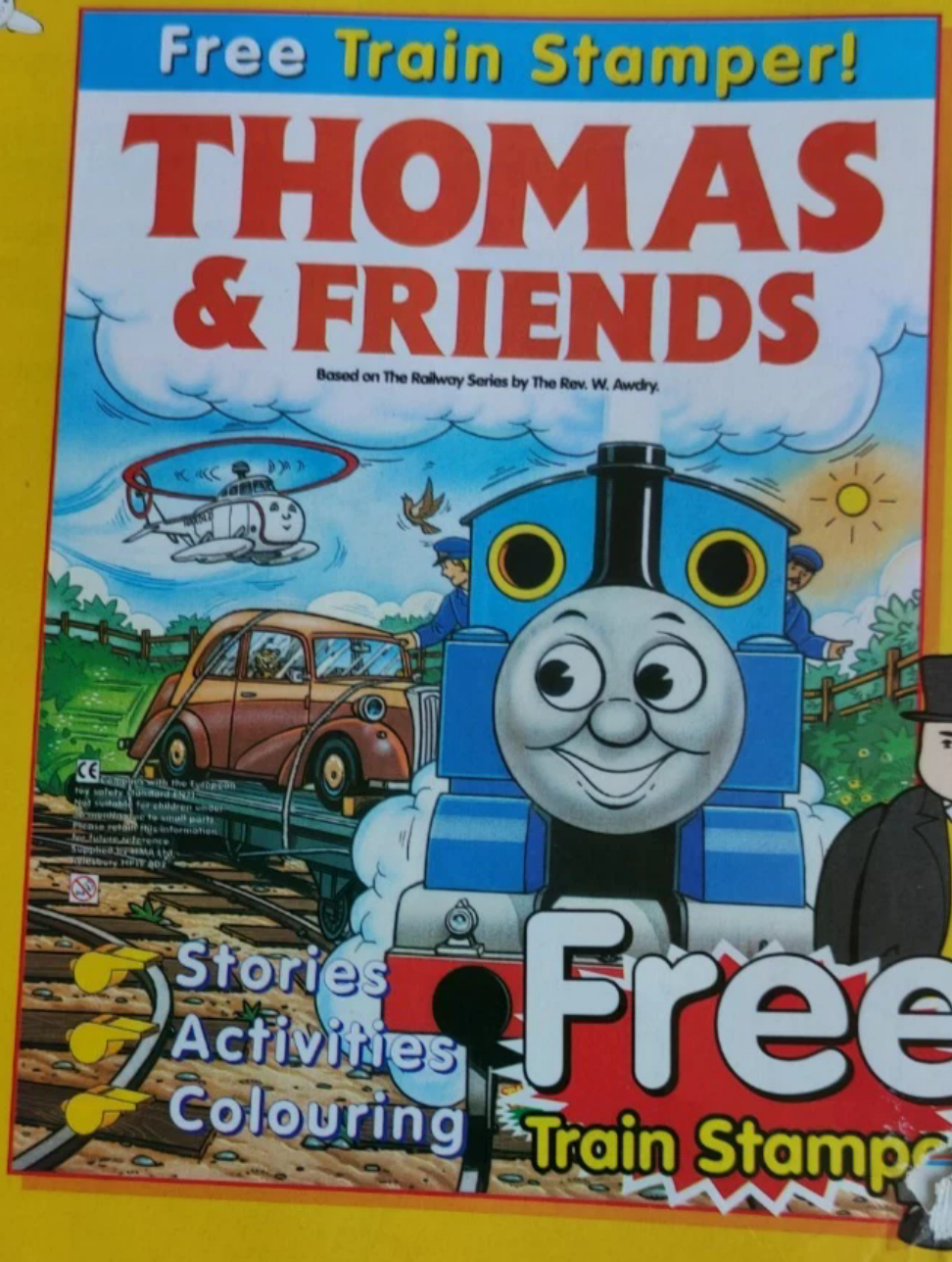

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